



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PLICANTS:

Bossemeyer

EXAMINER:

SERIAL NO.:

09/817,005

GROUP:

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FILED:

March 23, 2001

CASE NO.: AMT-9707C 1

Entitled:

Speech Reference Enrollment Method

SBC Knowledge Ventures, L.P. 6500 River Place Boulevard Building III, 1st Floor Austin, TX 78730

September 27, 2004

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT Under 37 CFR §1.137(b)

Mail Stop: Petitions Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This case became unintentionally abandoned on July 7, 2003 for failure to respond to a Notice to File Missing Parts.

- 1) A reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts is enclosed along with the required fee.
 - 2) The petition fee set forth in §1.17(m) of \$1,330.00 is enclosed.
- 3) The entire delay in filing the required reply was unintentional. The correspondence address in this case was to Mr. Bruce Stuckman. However, it was assumed that the correspondence address was to Mr. Dale B. Halling. The Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, mailed May 4, 2001 was misplaced, in part because Ms. Mary McNeill, paralegal to Mr. Bruce

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Stuckman, was diagnosed with cancer and was undergoing treatments at the time the *Notice* was received. Mr. Halling filed numerous status requests, called the PTO, and only finally received a response in the case on September 13, 2004 denying a Petition to Revive the present application. In addition, Ms Christa Zela did tell Mr. Halling in August of 2004 that the correspondence address was to Mr. Bruce Stuckman. If the PTO had informed Mr. Halling that, while he had power of attorney over the case, he was not the correspondence address sooner, this matter could have been resolved expeditiously.

4) Not required.

The applicants respectfully request the application be revived.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a <u>Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment</u> is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on:

Date

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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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September 13, 2004

Dale B. Halling Law office of Dale B. Halling 24 S. Weber St., Suite 311 Colorado Springs, CO 80903

In re application of: Bossemeyer No: 09/742,274

Filed: March 23, 2001

For: Speech Reference Enrollment Method

In response to the petition received on July 8, 2003 and August 4, 2003, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the in the above application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply with the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed May 4, 2001. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned July 6, 2001. The notice of abandonment was mailed July 7, 2003.

The petition is hereby Denied.

On July 8, 2003 and August 4, 2003, the office received two Petitions from The Law Office of Dale B. Halling, attorney registration number 38,170. In reviewing the application Dale B. Halling was registered in the application but all correspondence was designated to Bruce Stuckman at SBC Technology Resources, Inc. 9505 Arboretum Blvd., 9th Floor, Austin, TX 78759. The Notice to File Missing Parts issued on May 4, 2001 was sent to the designated address in Austin, TX.

The office has not received any correspondence from Bruce Stuckman at SBC Technology Resources. All correspondence pertaining to the application has come from The Law Office of Dale B. Halling.

In the petition counsel states that Bruce Stuckman did not receive the Notice to File Missing Parts. The evidence submitted is not sufficient to establish that Bruce Stuckman did not receive the Notice to File Missing Parts. Counsel must supply the office with proof from Mr. Stuckman showing he did not receive the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed May 4, 2001.

All correspondence will be designated to the The Law Office of Dale B. Halling at 24 S. Weber, Suite 311, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. As requested in the petition received July 8, 2003.

Counsel is given two months from the date of this notice to submit proof of evidence that Bruce Stuckman did not received the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed May 4, 2001.

Telephone inquiries concerning this application may be directed to Doshie E. Day (703) 308-3640.

Program Management Assistant

Office of Initial Patent Examination

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Withdrawing the Holding of Abandonment When Office Actions Are Not Received

The purpose of this notice is to announce a practice that will minimize costs and burdens to the practitioner and the Office when an application has become abandoned due to a failure to receive an Office action.

A petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment in accordance with Delgar Inc. v. Schuyler, 172 USPQ 513 (D.D.C. 1971) is burdensome to the practitioner since the practitioner must overcome a strong presumption that an Office action duly addressed and indicated as mailed was timely delivered to the addressee. To overcome this presumption, a practitioner is currently required to submit a persuasive showing that would permit the Office to conclude that the Office action was not received. Accordingly, evidence which is typically required includes: copies of records which would disclose the receipt of other correspondence mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on or about the mail date of the non-received Office action, but fail to disclose receipt of the Office action mailed that date; copies of records on which the Office action would have been entered had it been received (e.g., a copy of the outside of the file jacket maintained by the practitioner); and verified statements from persons who would have handled the Office action (e.g., mail clerks, docket clerks, secretary, etc.).

In order to minimize costs and burdens to the practitioner and the Office when an application has become abandoned due to a failure to receive an Office action, the Office is modifying the showing required to make a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment grantable. The showing required to establish the failure to receive an Office actio must consist of a statement from the practitioner stating that the Office action was not received by the practitioner and attesting to the fact that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office action was not received. A copy of the docket record where the non-received Office action would have been entered had it been received and docketed must be attached to and referenced in practitioner's statement.

The showing outlined above may not be sufficient if there are circumstances that point to a conclusion that the Office action may have been lost after receipt rather than a conclusion that the Office action was lost in the mail, e.g., if the practitioner has a history of not receiving Office actions. Two additional procedures are available for reviving an application that has become abandoned due a failure to respond to an Office Action: (1) a petition based on unintentional abandonment or delay; and (2) a petition based on unavoidable delay. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure 711.03(c).

Oct. 25, 1993

CHARLES E. VAN HORN
Patent Policy and Projects Administrator
Office of the Assistant Commissioner
for Patents

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Notice of Abandonment

This application is abandoned in view of applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office notice mailed on 5-4-01.

Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment

If a complete reply to the notice was previously filed by applicant within the time period set forth in the notice, applicant may request for reconsideration of the holding of abandonment within 2 months from the mailing of this notice of abandonment by filing a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181(a). No petition fee is required. The petition must be accompanied by a true copy of the originally filed reply and the item(s) identified in one of the following:

- 1. A properly itemized date-stamped postcard receipt (see MPEP § 503);
- 2. If the originally filed reply included a certificate of mailing or transmission in compliance with 37 CFR 1.8(a), a copy of the certificate of mailing or transmission and a statement in compliance with 37 CFR 1.8(b) (see MPEP § 512); or
- 3. If the reply was filed via Express Mail, a submission satisfying the requirements of 37 CFR 1.10(e) including, for example, a copy of the Express Mail mailing label showing the "date-in" (see MPEP § 513).

Any petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment should be transmitted by facsimile directly to OIPE Customer Service at (703) 308-7751.

Petition to Revive an Abandoned Application

If applicant did <u>not</u> previously file a complete reply within the time period set forth in the notice, applicant may file a petition to revive the application under 37 CFR 1.137.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of UNAVOIDABLE DELAY must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by:

- 1. an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay;
- 2. the required reply to the above-identified notice;
- 3. the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); and
- 4. a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

See MPEP § 711.03(c) and Form PTO/SB/61.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of UNINTENTIONAL DELAY must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by:

- 1. a statement that the entire delay was unintentional;
- 2. the required reply to the above-identified notice;
- 3. the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and
- 4. a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

See MPEP § 711.03(c) and Form PTO/SB/64.

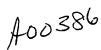
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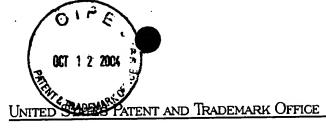
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CONFIRMATION NO. 5713

Bruce Stuckman SBC Technology Resources, Inc. 9505 Arboretum Blvd., 9th Floor Austin, TX 78759



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Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Customer Service Center. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the USPTO processes the reply to the Notice, the USPTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

Applicant(s)

Robert Wesley Bossemeyer JR., St. Charles, IL;

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Ameritech Corporation;

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

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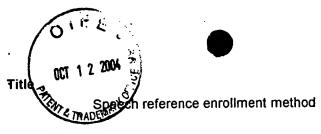
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